

Choose either one question, or one story topic, and answer in two and a half minutes. A bell will ring when your time is up.

QUESTIONS

Tell us a story about the most interesting person you met in NY.

What's the best thing about NY?

If you were the Mayor, how would you change NY to make it a better place to live?

How did you or your family get to New York?

Tell us about the house you grew up in. (if you grew up in NY)

Tell us about how your family's cultural background influenced your meals.

Tell us about some family superstitions.

How do you escape?

What do you do to celebrate.

Tell us your secrets of survival in NY.

Tell us about your NY neighborhood or neighbors.

What did you do after school in NY?

How do you keep in physical shape in NY?

STORY TOPICS

your favorite NY story

World's Fair 1939 or 1964

blizzard

romance

the crash of '29, '89

sports

culture (theater, art, dance, music, etc)

rites of passage (birth, bris, baptism, bar/bat mitvah,
confirmation, debutant balls, marriage, divorce, funerals,
reincarnation)

rag to riches

blackout

heatwave

NY as a 24 hour city

promenading

10 QUESTIONS - If any of these questions inspire a story from you push the red button and start talking when the red light goes on.

(If not there are more questions on the following pages.)

Tell us your favorite NY story.

What do you think about when you walk on the streets?

Tell us your family story.

What is your experience with eating?

How do you comfort yourself?

How do you escape?

What do you do to celebrate.

Tell us your secrets of survival in NY.

What is your dream?

If you were the Mayor, how would you change NY to make it a better place to live?

GENERAL

Tell us about the best thing that ever happened to you in NY.
Tell us about the worst thing that ever happened to you in NY.
Tell us what you do to have fun in NY.
Tell us a story about the most interesting person you met in NY.
Tell us a favorite story that somebody else told you about NY.
How was the city when you were a kid?
How has the city changed?
What don't you like about living in NY?
What's NY's worst problem?
What's the best thing about NY?
Are you glad you came to NY?

FAMILY

How did you or your family get to New York?
How did your grandparents meet?
How did your parents meet?
How did you meet your mate?
Tell us what you remember about what your family did for a living? (parents, grandparents, great grandparents)
Tell us about the house you grew up in.
Tell us about holidays with your family.
Tell us about how your family's cultural background influenced your meals.
Tell us about some family superstitions.

(More on the next page)

PERSONAL

Tell us where you spend the most time.

Talk about your NY friendships.

What do you do when you're alone?

Tell us what foods give you the most comfort, and why?

Tell us about your neighborhood.

Tell us about your neighbors.

How do you spend your day off from work?

What's your home look like? How big/small etc.?

What jobs have you had?

Tell your earliest memory?

What would you do if you left NY?

What did you do after school?

What did you do last night?

Where/how do you meet people to date?

How do you keep in physical shape?

DO YOU HAVE A STORY ABOUT:

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Please respond to the following words.

First say the word, then respond and go on to the next word, etc.

If you cannot respond, say the word and then say pass.

Take as much time as you need. There's no hurry.

> WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN I SAY ?

firescape

roof

love

pets

crime

shopping bag

Central Park

subway

summertime

Christmas

police

vacation

smells

tastes

taxi

parking

lost

rich

poor

Please add your recommendations to be included in the
PEOPLE'S GUIDE FOR AN EVEN BETTER NEW-YORK.

RECOMMENDATIONS

food

recipes

restaraunts

stores

things to do

places to go

shopping

walking

anything else

SHOW AND TELL WITH MEMORABILIA

Show and tell about any object, photo, memento, souvenir, etc. that has special significance for you in relationship with your life in New York.

MORE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Add anymore questions you think would be helpful in inspiring others to tell stories about New York.

Add any comments about this experience for you and suggestions or ideas.

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